"Fighting Eight" Fighting to Form New Baseball League

Yankees' Game With Soldiers a Happy Farce

Baker and Bodie Star After Eleven Runs in the First Inning

By Charles A. Taylor MACON, Ga., March 27 .- Seventeer fantry at Camp Wheeler, near this city to-day by a score of 12 to 4. It was not much of a ball game, but it was played under conditions and surroundnovel. Probably never before had a con-Home Run Baker has swung his big

bat to the accompaniment of the cheers of a far greater host than acclaimed other hand Baker has never before faced the pitcher to the accompaniment of myriad bugle calls, whose notes

swept across the diamond from far and near throughout the vast tract that forms the site of Camp Wheeler.

Ping Bodie has played in the outer garden from coast to coast, and thousands have laughed and jeered at his antics and general all-round foolishness. But until to-day Ping never had such an appreciative audience, One of the many camp hands took a fancy.

Happy Despite Defeat

It was a great day for Baker and Bodie, and they both made the most of the occasion. In fact, these two turned the gloom that settled over the sol-diers after the Yanks had scored eleven

sings and score eleven runs an inning and get his men back to Macon in time for dinner. Hug was plainly worried over the problem until Baker and Bodie the cadets on both occasions.

and in each instance he was re-l by a storm of applause from ldiers and their wives, mothers

was turned to field the ball, the Cali-fornian dashed to third. The pitcher threw the ball to first, but there was no

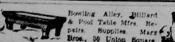
The candidates for the Columbia baseball team were put through a right would-be victim danshing for second. The pitcher burled the ball to head him off, but Ping kept going until he received first via second.

Bodie, as a finishing touch, borrowd a few performed the tight-rope walking act along the foul line as he scored with his borns run. Fing's band blared with hi

Sailors' Teams Want Dates Dates with other teams are being sought by the Pelham Bay Naval Training Station to complete its schedule of sports for the coming outdoor season. The sailors plan to have teams for baseball, track and field, swimming, lawn tennis and boat races, and are manxious to hear from clubs of this district. Communications should be sent to Lieutenant William T. Cochran, athletic director.

Squash Association to Meet

at the Columbia C to to-morrow after-noon. A report of the committee hand-lang the Red Cress matches is to be made. The executive committee also is to make its report for the year.



Giants' President Predicts Good Baseball Year

By Harry N. Hempstead

(President New York Giants)

WISH to state emphatically, in reference to the article in this morning's paper to the effect that four major league clubs might not be able to survive the coming season, that no official of the New York National League club has any authority to make a statement regarding the ability of any club in this league or any competitor as to whether they will last through the season or not. Every sign points to at least as good

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larious joy. It was a holiday for the camp, and, with the soldiers, wives, mothers, sweethearts and friends all on hand to join in the festivities, it would have been a shame, indeed, to have such an insignificant thing as a ball game mar the enjoyment. Baker and Bodie saw to it that there was no marring.

As hinted before, that first inning ended the game, but it started the fun. The question confronting Miller Huggins was how he could play nine in-

Columbia Nine Tries to Learn Heavy Hitting | Boxing News and Notes

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eron and Nunamaker. Ralph Shinton, the well known distance swimmer of Pittsburgh, has challenged Alfred Brown, of this city, to a test of endurance in the water. Shinton picks out the pool of the Civic Aquatic Club, of which he is instructor, for the event.

While Brown is ready to accept the defi he would much prefer to meet the Pittsburgh man in an open water test. Brown was the first American swimmer reported to have swam from the Battery to Sandy Hook.

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8-Club "Liberty League" To Succeed International

By W. J. Macbeth

The Interntional League may be dead,

while the session was on, but refused to enter the conference. From apparently good authority it season rolls around it is quite likely to be found that all the old promoters or at least most of them—will be doing business at the old stands.

It is very doubtful if the eight club circuit, which carried the brunt of the fight against the late Federal outlaws, will operate under the mame which has distinguished it since it rose to the rank of Class AA rating. Also it is doubtful if the association will seek to do business along such an elaborate scale as heretofore. It may sacrifice some of its dignity of rank to maintain an unbroken front against the wolves of business depression.

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There was still the lack of a real punch in their batting order, and they were outhit nine blows to six; but they managed to bunch their few hits at the right time.

Coombs lasted the first five innings. He allowed seven hits, but only one sore, and that at the very start of the game. After that he pitched airtight beat price and the state of the Boston team could not get hold devoted yesterday's session to putting the mostly in public favor.

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From St. John's College, Brooklyn. The soldiers but out the expense of St. John's College, Brooklyn. The soldiers but out the collegians 2 to 0 in a specific Defeat

of business depression.

The International League magnates devoted yesterday's session to putting their house in order. They will meet devoted yesterday's session to putting their house in order. They will meet the leagues, with the advantage of Stab bath play, could very skilly reëstablish the devard territorial respective audience. One of the many camp bands to the a fancy to Ping right at the start of the game and thereupon stationed itself in left and the reupon station and the reupon stationed itself in left and the reupon station and

Six Ready to Go On

has beer learned on absolutely reliable authority that at least six of last season's clubs . c ready to proceed, proviced the circuit is financed along wartime economical lines. Buffalo and Montreal present the major problems. Montreal present the major problems. Montreal is undesirable because of its isolation. But Sammy Lichtenhein, who has hung on grimly through the lean years and who is as game a promoter as can be found in organized baseball, does not relish the idea of being counted out if his fellow magnates proceed. He is relying on the future, of course—the time to come when the war has ended. Sammy, however, is loyal to the game and will not pursue a hard-headed opposition to elimination if it can be proven to his satisfaction that Montreal's absence would benefit the common cause.

Another vexing problem confronts the International League disbands even in name. He will manage Indianapolis if that he will manage Indianapolis if that he will manage Indianapolis if the International League disbands even in name. He will not report to Brooklyn. Lajoie alleges unfair treatment declares he should be given immunity and be declared a free agent under the "ten years" service rule.

"I might not have objected to a berth in Brooklyn had I been consulted," said about like a 'busher.' Very fortunately for me, I have laid by concupt of the proverbial rainy day, so that I do not have to worry whether I play ball or not. Certainly I do not have to go anywhere against my wishes."

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Another vexing problem confronts the International band in the city of Buffalo. That club some time ago was declared bankrupt. At a sheriff's sale a syndicate of business men of the Bison City bid in the franchise over the head of Joseph J. Lannin, who forfeited the franchise. Apparently this was some sort of hold-up scheme for which the wily Joe would not fall. He attended the sale with an option on the park property in his pocket, and when he failed in his effort to bid in the franchise as a matter of self-protection he immediately closed for title to the grounds.

When President McCaffery of the Toronto club was asked the status of the lajoie case he replied:

"I have nothing more to do with it. It is up to Lajoie and Ebbets."

McGill last night was closed with the Toronto owners. He is very anxious to secure Lajoie's services as manager, and is prepared to go to the National Commission, if necessary.

On the other hand, McCaffery declares he is ready to haul the Triumvirate on the carpet for an explanation of why McGill was allowed to tamper with a player under contract to the Toronto club without his (McCaffery's) permission or knowledge.

cen Willard and Ferociously Fierce Frederick runton on July 4.

Lastly, if all these things had come to pass, the hirclings of the press would rush right back to their helpless old "mills" and grind out columns of dope about Jess and Fred and Colonel Miller, and the latter gentleman would only have to stop at the corner newsstand in the morning and buy copies of all the newspapers and paste up the blurbs in his scrapbook.

But, Aunt Eleanor, the Colonel didn't come, as we've intimated, and so we'll

title to the franchise for a song. The franchise is no good to the syndicate, now that all the players have escaped. Indeed, it would be very easy to wind up the International League in name, rechristen it, and give a franchise to Lannin. Mr. Lannin called at the league offices yesterday afternoon while the session was on, but refused to enter the conference.

From apparently good authority it

game well played, considering the weather, which was more suitable for a griding contest.

The military lads tried out three pitchers to-day, all of whom did well. Murrill excelled with twelve strike-

Toronto club without his (McCaffery's)

Buyers Are Stung

Those who bought the franchise were stung. The National Commission has just declared free agents all the Buffalo players because of the fact that their salaries for the closing weeks of the 1917 campaign were unpaid. This action of the National Commission has been resented by International League club owners and by

Hot Springs Entries

*Five pounds apprentice allowance claimed,

Dodgers Bunch Their Hits and Beat Red Sox

Montreal and Buffalo Are Biggest Problems in Reorganizations

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None more so than Joseph J. Lannin. Indeed, it was whispered yesterday that Mr. Lannin might consent to finance a club in Buffalo this coming year as a m. ans of retribution.

He had the ball park and can get title to the frunchise for a song. The discussion of the syndicate. It is the syndicate. It is the property of victory of the spring season here to-

grimes made a showing that was highly pleasing to Manager Robinson. He allowed but two hits in four innings. Grimes had been ill a week and this was his first attempt to pitch in a

C.C.N.Y.Cubs Beat Nine From Commerce High

The College of the City of New York cub nine opened the local college baseball season yesterday in the C. C. Brooklyn by a score of 5 to 3. As it sworn, doth say: game lasted only seven innings.

plate three times in the initial stanza, Ganzel. but the City College cubs came back

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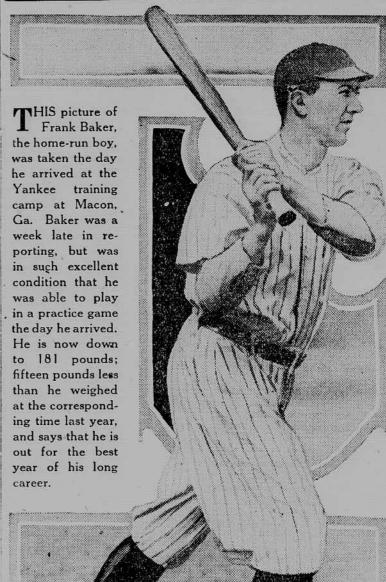
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Two-base hits-Murray, Susman, First base on left on bases-Commercial, 6, C. C. N. Y. Freshmen, 2 Commercial, 0, left on bases-Commercial, 6, C. C. N. Y. Freshmen, 1. Stolen bases-Norman, 2; Inselbruch, 1, Sacrifice hits-Inselbruch, Dublie plays-Marcus to Hylander; Felgin to Murray to Pledmont, Bases on balls-007 Feigh, 4; off Haceman, 4 Unipires-Irving Projan, plate; Arthur Taft, bases, pires-Irving Projan, plate; Arthur Taft, bases.

Cork, 101; Fox's Use Cincinnati ratingury of the Waldmaster 107; Season to a Cincinnati player.

Frank Baker and His Big Bat



Over the Sport Trail

C INCE Willard beat Johnson and Moran we have heard several sob stories of the pitiful condition into which he has let himself get. These tales assert invariably that the Pottawatomie Pachyderm weighs from 325 pounds upward, and that bloat may even be found

Comes now John Ganzel, once a Yankee, later manager of the Cin-N. Y. Stadium by defeating the strong cinnati Reds-no sportsman's career is complete without that-and the Commercial High School team from present manager and owner of the Kansas City A. A. team, who, being duly

"It's all bosh. I was hunting with Willard last December, and he spring and because of the cold, the won't weigh an ounce over 275 pounds. That is but fifteen pounds more than he weighed when he fought Frank Moran, and once the Fulton match The Brooklyn schoolboys crossed the is guaranteed he will train down to 240 pounds, or my name isn't John

"Moreover, Willard is in condition, he is taking excellent care of er and star of the game, batted out a himself, and he now has a real manager—his wife. Jess rid himself two-bagger and was advanced by Norman's bunt. Several errors aided them
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of the clique of wise men who were surrounding him and placed himself entirely under the wing of his very capable wife. He has been a happier man's bunt. Several errors aided them in the trip homeward.

Commercial threatened to add several more runs when its players nestled on all the bags, but Marcus hit to the pitcher, and a double play resulted at home and first. C. C. N. Y. took the lead with two runs, making the tally 4 to 3, when Norman and Kopple reached the pan.

Play Flushing Saturday

The yearlings have added Flushing High School to their schedule. The game will be played at Flushing Saturday

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Young and Heine Feature Shutout Victory at Waco

Miss Bjurstedt And Mrs. Rogge Lose Doubles

Are Vanquished by Mrs. Green and Miss Winn for Indoor Title

By Fred Hawthorne

Playing one of the pluckiest uphill struggles against apparently hopeless the past year, Mrs. Homer Stuart Green and Miss Caroma Winn defeated Mrs. Johan Rogge and Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the famous pair from Norway, yesterday, by a score of 6-8, 9-7, 6-4 in the second round of the women's national indoor championship lawn tennis doubles in the 7th Regiment

Their well earned victory placed Mrs. Green and Miss Winn in the semi-finel round in the upper half of the dray, where they are bracketted with Mrs. Albert Humphries and Miss Bessie Holden. In the lower section, Mrs. Spencer Fullerton Weaver and Miss Eleanor Goss went into the final round by overwhelming Miss Helene Pollsk and Miss Helen Bernhard at 6-1, 6-0, the winners playing such a brilliant game at the net that the losing pair never had a chance to get started on an attack of their own.

This morning the semi-final round matches in the singles, with Miss Bjurstedt meeting Mrs. Rogge and Miss Pollak clashing with Miss Goss, will be played, as well as the semi-final round match in the doubles, between Mrs. Humphries and Miss Holden and Mrs. Green and Miss Winn. There will be no play to-morrow, Good Friday, both finals being scheduled for Saturday morning. spite of Miss Winn's spectacular

iancy, the lion's share of the credit for the surprising overthrow of Mrs. Rogge and Miss Bjurstedt must go to Mrs. Green. It was her coolness un-der fire, her splendid driving and court strategy, and particularly her remark-able covering of court and almost im-possible "gets," that turned threatened defeat into victory. defeat into victory.

Mrs. Green Rallies Superbly

the final set Mrs. Rogge and the tional champion held the lead at 1 and 4-2 on games. Mrs. Green s verging on the point of exhaustion om her almost continual running out the court, but just at this acial point she proved her courable in the court of the proved her courable in the proventies th

Miss Winn Best at Net

Without a doubt Miss Winn's place

granted.

The severest obstacle in the path toward the heights will come when they meet that brilliant combination of net play formed by Mrs. Weaver and Miss. Goss. The latter pair won by such decisive scores yesterday, and hammered out their points so convincingly, that we look to see them come mighty close to carrying off the chief honors in the championship match Saturday.